

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Kennedyville Historic District Inventory Number: K-551  
 Address: Main Street, Kennedyville Road, Creamery  
Street City: Kennedyville Zip Code: 21645  
 County: Kent County USGS Topographic Map: Bettertown, MD  
 Owner: multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? ☒ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: various Tax Map Number: 21 Tax Account ID Number: various  
The Village at Kennedyville for Wright Land Development,  
 Project: LLC Agency: SHA  
 Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

## History

Kennedyville is a small community located in District 2 of Kent County, on the Upper Eastern Shore of Maryland. The area has been farmed for grain since the early eighteenth century and had ties with Philadelphia's Quaker merchants and millers. Kennedyville was laid out by John Kennedy of Port Kennedy, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the mid-nineteenth century. Mr. Kennedy began buying land located at a crossroads between Chestertown and Galena, in 1853. In 1856, the Kent County Railroad was chartered, with the intent to extend rail service eventually to Rock Hall so that oysters and farm products could be shipped by train to northern cities. The histories of the railroad and Kennedyville are closely connected.

In the late 1860's, the Kent County Railroad began acquiring right-of-ways in the area of Kennedyville. In 1870, the Kent County Railroad had been built from Massey's to Kennedyville. In 1872, the line was extended from Kennedyville to Chestertown. The line was operated as the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad from 1883-1902, the Delaware Railroad from 1902-1977, and the Maryland and Delaware Railroad from 1977 to the present.

The oldest building in Kennedyville is the Kennedyville United Methodist Church, built in 1860 by resolution of the Kent Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church to build a brick church at Kennedyville for the use of their denomination. The

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Comments: <u>PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE IS 1870-1955</u>	
<u>John VanLaningham</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>3/1/05</u> Date
<u>Blumenthal</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/11/05</u> Date

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church was first called Waters Chapel after the Rev. Frances Waters, D.D., president of the Maryland Conference and Washington College. According to local tradition, the congregation of St. James Church, Warton, was the sponsor of this church, and perhaps the same builder was used for both churches.

Mr. Kennedy started selling his lots in 1868, corresponding with the acquisition of right-of-ways by the Kent County Railroad. A period of concentrated building occurred between 1870 and 1875. Mr. Kennedy built at least two speculative houses in this period: the Parish House and the Groves House. Because of their three-story, double front door design, these houses were likely built by workers from Mr. Kennedy's home in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Both houses were sold from the Kennedy estate in 1878. The Burris House also dates from the same period and resembles the Kennedy-built houses in its design and plan. The original owners, William and Ida Culp, purchased two adjacent lots from Mr. Kennedy in 1868. In 1877, Mr. Culp was listed as a carpenter, builder, and peach basket manufacturer, so it is possible that Mr. Culp had been hired by Mr. Kennedy to build houses in Kennedyville and decided to build one for himself in the new town.

The 1877 Atlas of the Eastern Shore shows that there were about twenty-five buildings in Kennedyville in 1877. Kennedyville consisted of a number of residences, the railroad depot, two churches, a post office, general store, wheelwright and blacksmith shop, a hotel, a school and the Culp basket shop.

Grace Presbyterian Church, now First United Pentecostal Church of Kent County, was constructed in 1875 on a lot sold to the congregation for \$5.00 by John Kennedy, who was a devout Presbyterian. The Kennedyville Elementary School was erected around 1875, and operated until Christmas 1914. The school building is now incorporated into a private residence. The Kennedyville Creamery was constructed in 1888 and operated under the names Redmile Dairy and Schafer Dairies. It was last used for this purpose in 1909. Kent County had several creameries, where dairy farmers brought milk, butter, and cheese to be shipped on the two daily trains to Philadelphia. The Creamery no longer exists, though Creamery Road remains near the center of the community. Several houses were built in Kennedyville in the first two decades of the twentieth century in the Queen Anne style. The Spencer House, built in 1916, is a typical example of this era of development.

#### Description

The town plan consists of two main roads, Kennedyville Road, which runs from northwest to southeast, and Main Street or Augustine Herman Highway (U.S. 213), which runs from southwest to northeast. The two roads cross each other just south of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Creamery Street completes the southwest and southeast sides of Kennedyville's one full block, Main Street forming the northwest side and Kennedy Road forming the northeast side. The town is surrounded by farmland and located to the north and west of a tributary of Morgan Creek.

Kennedyville's building stock consists mostly of single family residences constructed between 1870 and 1930. The oldest houses are three stories tall and are located closest to the intersection of U.S. 213 and Kennedy Road. These houses have brick, frame, or stucco construction, but they conform to a three-story height. The most dominant type of house in Kennedyville is the two-and-half story frame house with front porch that date from the first two decades of the twentieth century. They represent the Second Empire, Queen Anne, Prairie, and Colonial Revival styles and are located in groups along U.S. 213 further from the intersection with Kennedy Road. Kennedyville also has a number of one-and-a-half story bungalows and smaller, newer houses that are fit in between the older ones and at the outskirts of the district. Very few of Kennedyville's houses have attached garages, although most of them have associated sheds or other outbuildings, showing that the houses were built prior to the prevalence of the automobiles. Kennedyville also has two churches, a former school building, a fire hall, and a farming co-op.

The proposed Kennedyville Historic District consists of approximately 52 properties. Of the 25 buildings shown on the 1877 map, at least seven still stand. Nine properties within the proposed district have completed MIHP forms, but none of the properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Eight of the properties with completed MIHP forms contribute to the proposed historic district.

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Resource Key	Address	Contributing Resource?	Description
A	11959 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Nineteenth-century frame mixed-use building
B	11956 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Queen Anne style frame house
MIHP K-385	Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Queen Anne style frame house
C	11944 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Early twentieth-century, Craftsman style two-and-a-half story frame house
D	11940 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Picturesque frame house
E	11930 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Early-twentieth century Craftsman style frame house
F	11920 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Queen Anne style frame house
G	11916 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Four bay two-story frame house with screened front porch
H	Farm on Augustine Herman Highway	N/A	Located outside boundaries of district; frame farmhouse and associated buildings
MIHP K-387	Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Kennedyville United Methodist Church; frame 1860 Gothic Revival church
I	11870 Augustine Herman Highway	N/A	Located outside boundaries of district; Greek Revival-inspired bungalow
J	11862 Augustine Herman Highway	N/A	Located outside boundaries of district; two-and-a-half story Craftsman style house
K	11860 Augustine Herman Highway	N/A	Located outside boundaries of district; two-and-a-half story Craftsman style house
L	28017 Creamery	Yes	Late nineteenth-/early twentieth-century two-story, three-bay frame house
M	28025 Creamery	Yes	Two-story, four-bay frame house with build date of 1920
N	28029 Creamery	No	1980s frame house
O	28020 Creamery	Yes	Two-story front-facing gable frame house
P	28016 Creamery	Yes	1920s stucco structure
MIHP K-386	Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	1870s three-story frame house
MIHP K-389	Three story stucco house; Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	1870s three-story stucco double house (Pennsylvania style house)
Q	11952 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Early twentieth-century Prairie style/colonial revival frame house
R	11947 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Late nineteenth-/early twentieth-century Italianate frame house

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Resource Key	Address	Contributing Resource?	Description
S	11951 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two story colonial revival frame house
MIHP K-388	Inventoried Property; Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-story Italianate frame house
T	11960 Augustine Herman Highway	N/A	Located outside boundaries of district; Frame ranch house constructed in 1983
U	11969 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Three-story frame house c. 1870s
V	11975 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-story, front-facing gable, frame house
W	11979 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-story three bay frame house
X	11983 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Three-story brick house, 1870s
MIHP K-390	11989 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Three-story brick double house, 1870s
Y	11990 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-story front-facing gable frame mixed use building
Z	11980 First Road	Yes	Second Empire style frame house, late nineteenth- century
AA	11982 First Road	Yes	Two-story frame house, 1906
BB	11967 Kennedyville	Yes	Mid twentieth-century frame house, 1948
CC	11962 Kennedyville	Yes	Twentieth-century frame house, 1920
DD	11958 Kennedyville	No	Mid twentieth-century brick house
EE	11955 Kennedyville	Yes	One-and-a-half story frame bungalow
FF	11951 Kennedyville	Yes	Two-story, three-bay frame house with screened front porch
GG	11958 Kennedyville	Yes	Two-story Craftsman style frame house c. 1920s
MIHP K-391	School	Yes	One-story stone building c. 1870s
HH	28044 Creamery; 28040 Creamery	Yes	Two two-story, two-bay, frame houses
II	28036 Creamery	Yes	Two-story, three-bay frame house
MIHP K-384	Former site of Kennedyville Creamery	No	Site of former creamery; replaced with mobile home
JJ	11959 Kennedyville	Yes	Two-story frame house, altered and in poor condition
KK	12014 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-and-a-half story three-bay Picturesque style frame house
MIHP K-371	Brick church; Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Brick church dating to 1875.
LL	12018 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Early twentieth-century three-story frame house; poor condition

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Resource Key	Address	Contributing Resource?	Description
MM	12024 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-and-a-half story front-facing gable frame house
NN	12028 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style house
OO	12099 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Early twentieth-century, Craftsman style two-and-a-half-story frame house
PP	12048 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	One-story brick school dating to 1915
QQ	12029 Augustine Herman Highway; 12025 Augustine Herman Highway; 12019 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes, all contribute	12019 and 12025- two-story, front-facing gable, frame houses 12029- one-story frame house
RR	12060 Augustine Herman Highway; 12072 Augustine Herman Highway; 12080 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes, all contribute	Early to mid-twentieth-century one-story houses
SS	Kennedyville Firehouse	No	Brick firehouse constructed mid-twentieth-century, 1957
TT	12060 School House	Yes	Two-and-a-half story frame house, early twentieth century
UU	11986 Augustine Herman Highway	Yes	Two-and-a-half story frame house with two-story porch

Statement of Significance

The district is significant to the local history of Kent County and Delmarva Peninsula. It is an example of the development pattern of the speculative building of a railroad community and the effect of railroad-based commerce on the growth of a community. Kennedyville's building stock shows the essence the ideal American town of the nineteenth century: private homes, a choice of churches, a public school, and an economy based on agriculture. The oldest houses in the district stylistically represent the historic connection of the Upper Eastern Shore with Philadelphia. The district represents a number of different styles of American Architectural history and especially represents the variety of housing styles embraced in the first decades of the twentieth century. The district is eligible for the NRHP under criteria A and C.



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Historic Map from the 1877 Atlases and other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.



**SAMUEL S. HOPKINS**, Proprietor of Urieville Flouring Mill. Best Grades of Family Flour manufactured and kept on hand for sale at all times, also Custom Work done at all times. All persons are solicited to give me a call.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kennedyville.

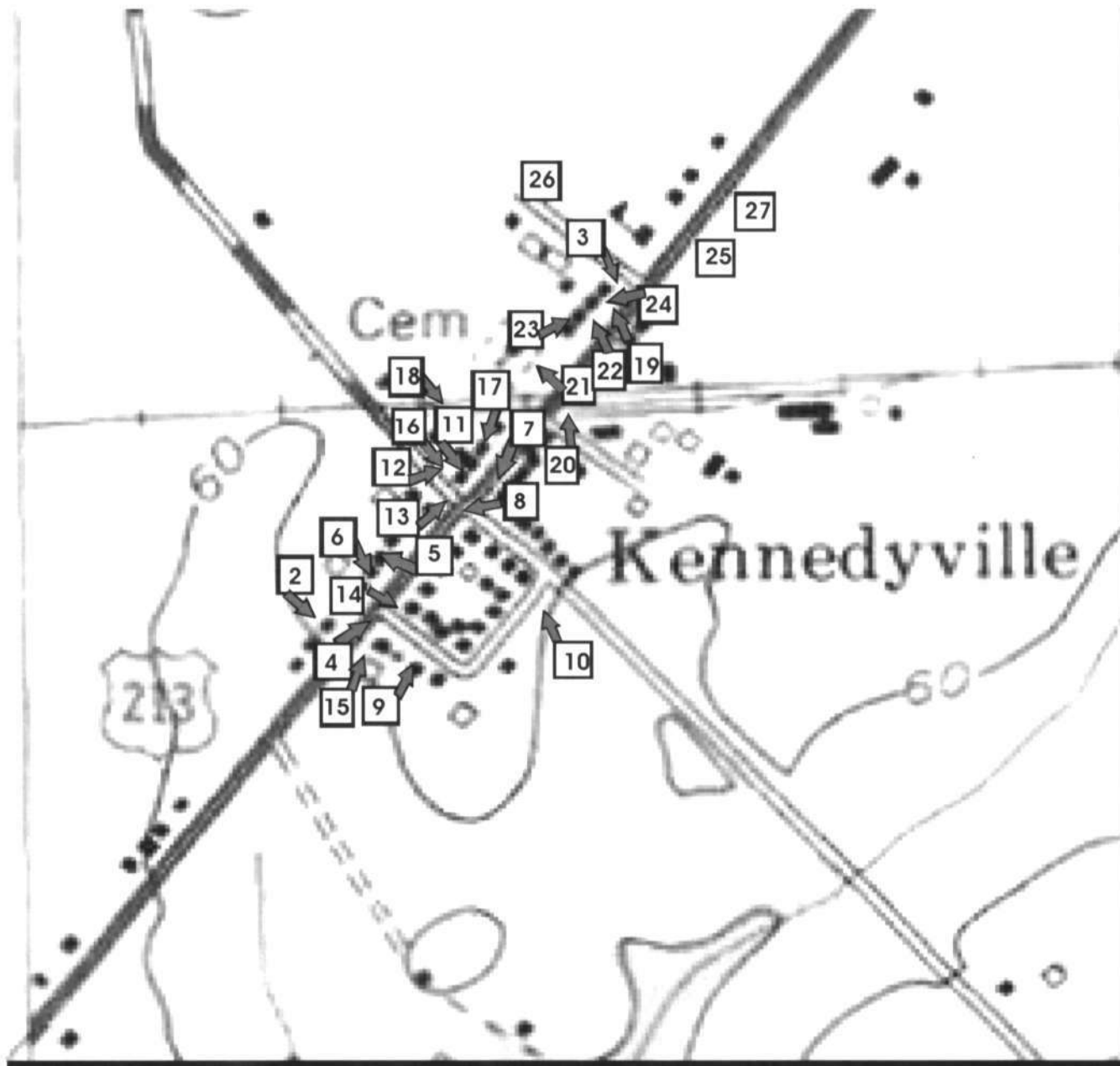
**J. F. POTE**, Blacksmith at Urieville. All kinds of Blacksmithing done with neatness and dispatch. All persons wanting anything in my line will please give me a call.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kennedyville.

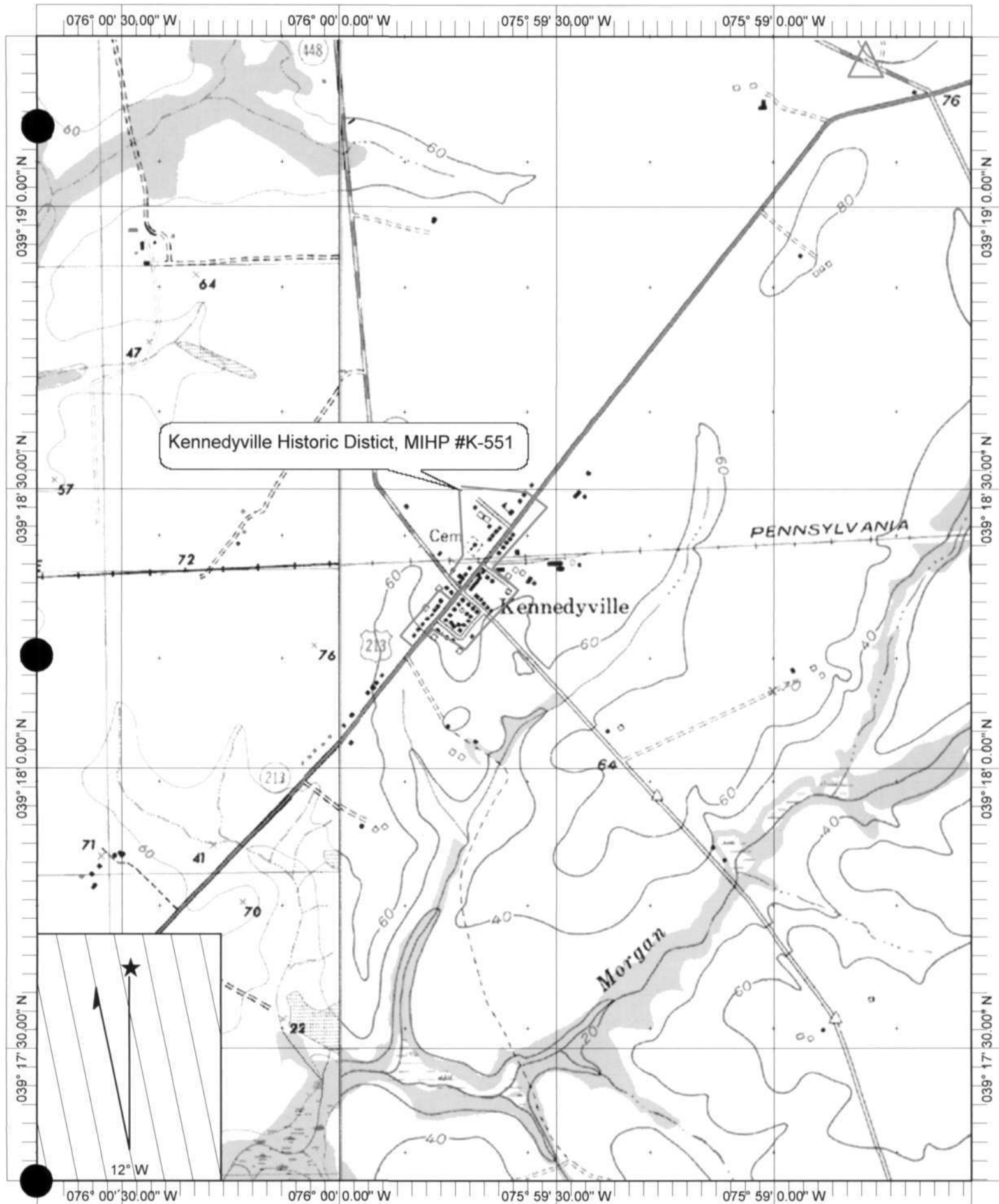
**A. STRONG**, Wheelwright at Urieville. All kinds of Wheelwrighting done with neatness and dispatch. Persons wanting anything in my line will do well to give me a call.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from

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Resource Sketch Map 2: Photo Key





Name: GALENA  
Date: 2/21/2005  
Scale: 1 inch equals 1333 feet

Location: 039° 18' 16.93" N 075° 59' 37.35" W  
Caption: Kennedyville Historic District  
Kennedyville, Kent County  
MIHP# K-551





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11930 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedysville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the historic  
District.

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11930 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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Augustine Herman Highway and School House Road

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

Kathryn St. Clair

2/8/2005

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View of a house contributing to the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co., MD

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View up Augustine Herman Highway at  
Creamery Street in the Kennedyville Historic  
District

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MIHP # K-385 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

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View of Spencer House in the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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11956 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View looking down Augustine Herman Highway in  
the Kennedyville Historic District

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Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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2/8/2005

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View looking down Augustine Herman  
Highway in the Kennedyville Historic District

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28017 Creamery Street

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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MIHP # K-391 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of the stone structure that was formally  
Kennedy School #4, in the Historic District

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MIHP# K-390 11989 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedysville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of the Parish House in the Kennedysville  
Historic District

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11986 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co., MD

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View of Kennedyville Inn which contributes  
to the Historic District

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Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View up Augustine Herman Highway in the  
Kennedyville Historic District

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MIHP # K-386 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

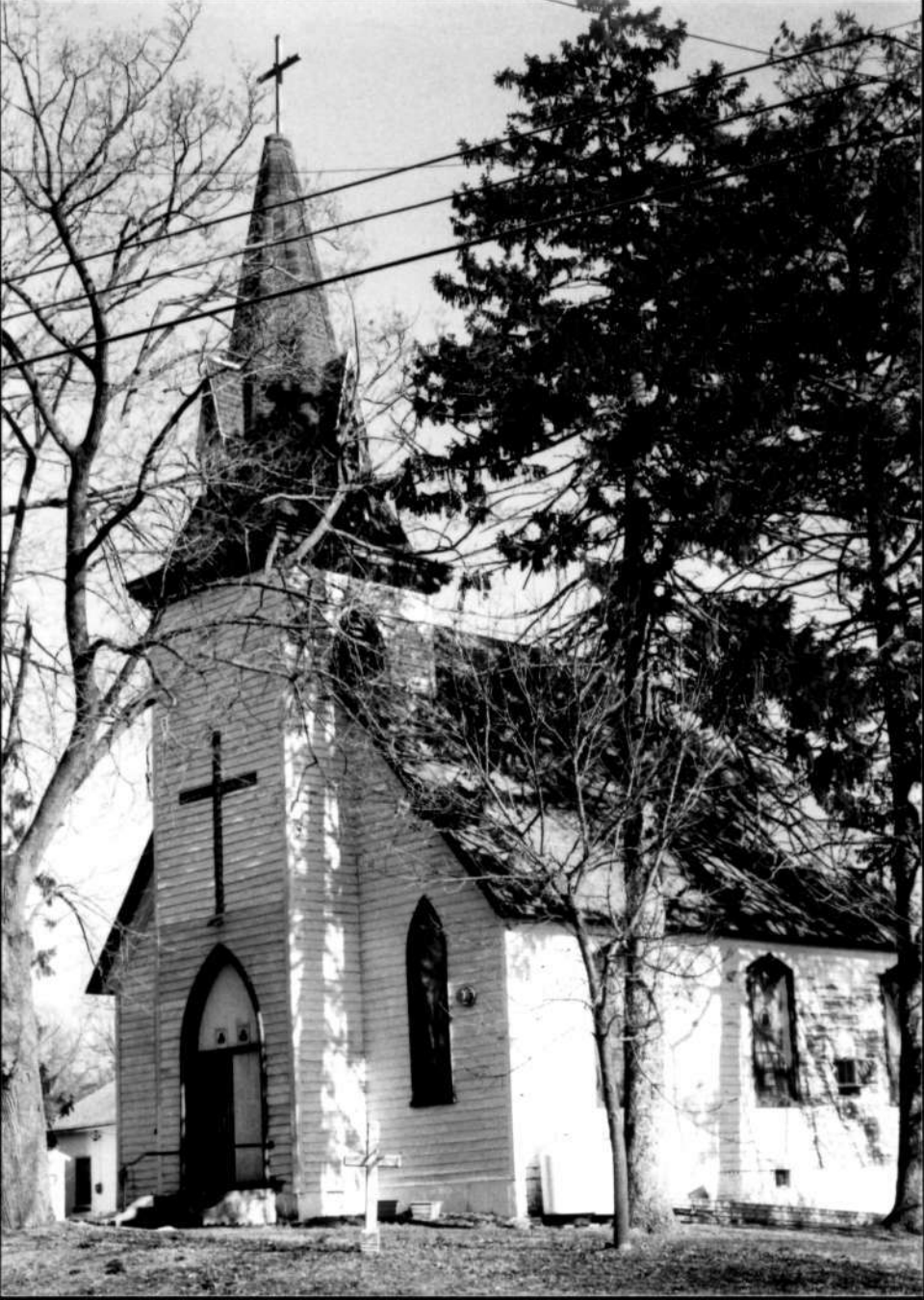
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View of the Burris House in the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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MIHP # K-387 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View of the Kennedyville United Methodist  
Church in the Historic District

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11959 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of the Kennedyville Post Office, which  
contributes to the Historic District

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11979 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the Historic  
District

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MIHP #K-551

11969 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of Mimi's Attic Store, which contributes  
to the Historic District

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12018 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View of a house not contributing to the  
Historic District due to the poor condition of  
the structure

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Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

Kathryn St. Clair

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View up Augustine Herman Highway, in  
the Kennedyville Historic District

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MIHP # K-371 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of the brick church which contribute to  
the Kennedyville Historic District

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12014 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedysville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the Historic  
District

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Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

Kathryn St. Clair

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View looking down Augustine Herman Highway  
in the Historic District

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12024 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the historic  
District

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12048 Augustine Herman Highway

Kennedyville Historic District

Kent Co, MD

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View of the brick school house, dating from 1915  
which contributes to the historic district

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12060 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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View of a house contributing to the historic  
District

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12060 Augustine Herman Highway  
Kennedyville Historic District  
Kent Co, MD

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2/8/2005

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View of a house contributing to the Kennedyville  
Historic District

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